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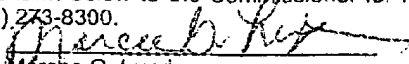
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Mungall et al. §

SERIAL NO.: 10/711,489 §

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FOR: Concentrated Buoyancy §
Subsea Pipeline Apparatus §
and Method §

Group Art Unit: 3673

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 09, 2005

Atty. Docket No.: 040738/KEL-112

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Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated August 9, 2005 and in response requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Please find enclosed the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 2.

Remarks, beginning on page 9.